Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Seward Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Seward, NE, located at 537 Main Street Seward, NE 68434. The funding would be used to address deficiencies in the current wastewater treatment facility and to accommodate expansion. Specifically, the proposed wastewater treatment plant improvements would reduce the environmental impact of the City of Seward by (a) reducing the nutrient loading (specifically, nitrogen and phosphorus) on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS), and (b) improve solids treatment for beneficial reuse in agriculture, and (c) maintain economic growth by providing capacity for additional treatment capacity for residential, commercial, and industrial wastewater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the reduction of nutrient loading to nearby waters, allow for the beneficial reuse of solids for agricultural purposes, and accommodate additional industrial, commercial, and residential growth. Seward contributes to the vitality of our region and our Congressional District, and this project would allow for increased growth in housing and business expansion.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Flood Member of Congress